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## SQUARELY UP TO CONGRESS.

WHILE some people may feel a sense of surprise because President Wilson in his address to Congress omitted all reference to foreign relations, the more discriminating judgment will realize that such matters can wait and credit him with displaying political tact of a high order when he elected to confine his remarks almost entirely to one subject—the prevention of strikes on interstate railroads—and made them almost dramatically pointed and brief.

We shall now see what kind of stuff this Congress which passed the eight hour law under duress, and pretended it did not like the dose, is made of. During the campaign Mr. Wilson had to bear the whole burden of responsibility for the Adamson act. It is quite within the realm of possibility, therefore, that there was a grim smile on his face as he passed the matter back to the law makers with this remark:

The country cannot and should not consent to remain any longer exposed to profound industrial disturbances for lack of additional means of arbitration and conciliation which the Congress can easily and promptly supply.

With such sentiments the public will agree heartily. Congress has dodged its responsibility in this matter until a situation has grown up which is fraught with grave peril for every business and even private interest in the land. Now let us have some constructive work. And let us have it without any further delay.

## THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

THE first practical step to change the present method of choosing a President originates with Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, who announces his purpose to offer an amendment to the Constitution providing for a Presidential election by direct popular vote.

Senator Chamberlain is a native of Mississippi, but he represents in the Senate a State which has been a pioneer in the work of popular government as opposed to the idea of a government of delegated powers. His constituents will doubtless respond to his present purpose. But whether the State of his birth will join with the State of his residence in this is extremely doubtful.

Popular election of a President means an election under federal legislation, and an election under federal control. Such elections are not welcome in the South, where State laws are made use of to override the constitutional guarantee to the freedmen, and where a small portion of the white population does the voting for the entire electorate. By this means they secure a tremendous initial advantage in seeking to control the electoral college or Congress, and it is most unlikely that they will surrender this advantage spontaneously.

However, we welcome the discussion which Senator Chamberlain's proposal will provoke. We had looked to

## IN THE FRONT ROW

HEADLINERS TONIGHT.  
Stock Productions.  
Hippodrome.....The Money Spender  
Princess.....Love and War  
Grand.....House of Golden Windows  
Nelson.....The Labyrinth  
Dixie.....Wanted—A Home  
Ideal.....Lass of the Lumberland

GAIL KANE, whose performance in "The Scarlet Oath," an intense Nihilistic photodrama, brought from the critics throughout the country a general opinion that she was greater than the play, will be seen at the Nelson today. The intrepid venturist, that it would be a hard matter to produce a play that would carry Miss Kane instead of the other way about. She is featured at this popular house today in "The Labyrinth." Here is a vehicle strong enough to give this highly accomplished actress full room for her art, and a good entertainment in prospect. She is supported by such able performers as Polly Chaplain, Dolly Larkins, Richard Neal and Edward Roseman. In addition to this very attractive five-act play, the production there will be one of those pleasing Drew comedies, picturing a couple with their first born. It is called "The First" and abounds in many amusing situations.

Helen Holmes, who is featured in "The Lass of the Lumberland" series, an episode of which is at the Ideal today, is a graduate of a famous woman's college and a literature as well as an actress. She has been asked so many times why she became a film player, why she chose the adventurous type of drama and scores of other questions about herself including one as to whether she "were ever in love," that she has decided to answer them in print. To the latter she replied in an article written by herself:

"Good gracious! What a question. Why, I was in love before I was five years old; oh, furiously, jealously in love. He was a little blue-eyed boy who lived across the street from our house

see this subject brought up in Congress by a Republican—when the instant and inevitable line-up would have been between the Republicans and the Democrats, between the North and the South. Coming as it now will, from a Northern Democrat of Southern antecedents, it is possible that the subject will be discussed with more of light and less of heat than we had apprehended. The electoral college may be outworn. It may be unjust in its workings. But it should not be replaced by a system which perpetuates a worse injustice. The tendency of modern political thought in the direction of larger power lodged in the hands of the individual voter. The direct primary laws are among the best examples of this tendency. It larger power in the choice of a President is to be imparted to the individual voter through the abolition of the electoral college, it is manifestly necessary to provide that such power be imparted to every voter, North or South, black or white. Senator Chamberlain's views on this phase of his proposal will be interesting.

Slot machines have been ordered to go, according to The Times, which is close enough to the Gang to know what's what. Now if the authorities will go after some of the big games it will be worth while to talk of efforts to stop the gambling evil in Marion county.

What a staid community we have become since the campaign ended. It all goes to prove that it is no trick to enforce the law against the petty offenders whenever there is a will to do it.

The best posted observers say there is no chance for embargo legislation during the short session. But that fact will not prevent the congressmen from talking their heads off about it. As a matter of fact the less prospect there is of action the greater incentive there is to talk from the congressional viewpoint.

It is reported that the Kaiser ordered church bells to be rung yesterday in honor of a great Teutonic victory on the Arges river which is regarded as sealing Rumania's doom. That at least is the explanation given to the press. It may be assumed that the Kaiser knows what he is doing, but he also knows that the only way in which the doom of Rumania, Serbia, Belgium and the other little nations that have suffered in this war may be "sealed" is to keep the war going forever.

Russian police are working on the theory that the bomb which started the disaster in Archangel harbor recently was placed in a munitions ship in New York harbor. If this is the truth the remarkable thing about it is that the people who have been practicing this despicable mode of warfare since the beginning of the traffic in munitions have scored one bullseye. Most of their bombs have failed to go off.

Henry Ford will sail for Europe within the next 30 days on his second peace mission. It is still too soon, but here's hoping that Henry is in at the finish when peace does come. He has rooted hard enough for it to deserve some sentimental reward.

Call money jumped to 15 per cent in New York yesterday and every time the Chicago grain market begins to take on a rosy hue some one pulls a prop from under it. Speculation is no longer what it used to be when the rule of the game was to pyramid the market until every one became a millionaire on paper profits—and then every one went broke in sober earnest.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY.

With the price yearly advancing it might be well for a local bank to start a "Turkey Saving Club" in order to have enough money to buy a turkey for next Thanksgiving.—Weilsburg Herald.

You can get on the fence, politically, to avoid trouble with either side. But if you do you will get it from both sides.—Lincoln Republican.

The special session has come and will soon be gone. The measures passed were meriting as a whole. But they hardly justify the cost of the special session.—Point Pleasant Register.

An employee of the Chicago waterworks department, who retired at the age of 33 after 63 years' continuous service, says he's tired loading and wants his job again. Isn't it disgraceful that any man should have lived 83 years without learning how to loaf?—Morgantown Post-Chronicle.

It is again about time for Solicitor General Davis to be "prominently mentioned" for a cabinet portfolio.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

If we should have a primary and election each year some people in Doddridge county wouldn't have to work at all, according to market quotations for votes fixed this year of grace.—West Union Record.

and with whom I had grown up. We were inseparable.

"When I was five and my yellow-curl-haired hero was six, a very attractive little girl of about my age moved to a new home her parents had built near our house. At once she became an invasion of my happy home life. My hair is dark brown and my eyes are blue. She was of the Spanish adventuress type, with dark eyes and raven black hair.

"Jackie was fascinated at once. I was furious. I scratched her. Jackie defended her. Then he cried as she cried, but I didn't. I was too angry. I tried to chase her out of our garden and mother made me go in the house. I saw Jackie from my window with his little fat arms about her trying to make her stop crying. He was comforting her while I was locked in my room. Think of it.

"I climbed up on my little bed and clawed and raved in anger. I bit the bedclothes and wished they were the other girl's fingers. Goodness me, I was a jealous little wren. Then mother thought I must be ill so she came in and petted me and I cried, but she never found out what was the matter.

"After that mother gave a party for my little friends of the neighborhood and I begged her not to invite the 'black girl' as I called my neighbor.

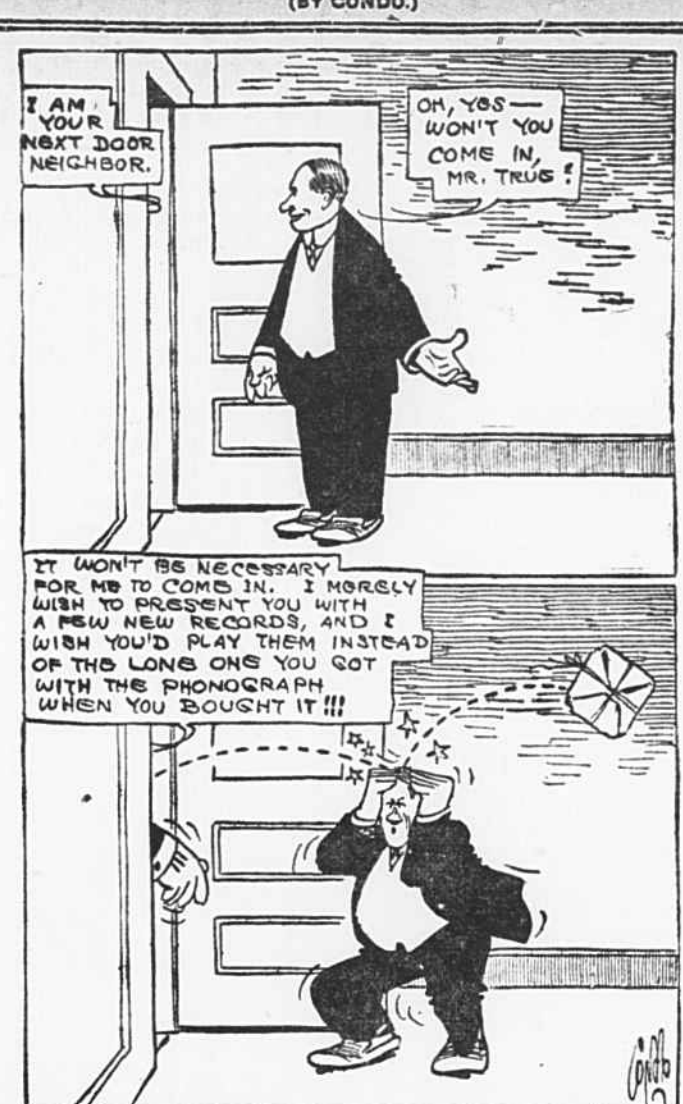
"Mother smiled, and perhaps she had an inkling then of what ailed me, but she never mentioned it. The dark girl was invited and she tried to be nice to me, but I was very haughty. Jackie knew he had done wrong, of course—those male creatures always look guilty when they have been bad.

"Oh, yes, I've been in love since that, of course, but the affair with Jackie was the hardest I ever had in all my life. I'll never forget it."

"The Money Spender" was given two performances by the Hippodrome yesterday; a fair house at the time was invited and a fairer one at night. But it is easy to account for the rain, and it is easy to account for the rain, undoubtedly. It is an unusually interesting play and was well acted. Miss McKinley, Miss LeRoy, Miss Wythe, Miss Whitney, Messrs. King, Karloff, Sufra and Rosebraugh make up the cast. It will be repeated again tonight and twice tomorrow. Tonight the additional feature now popularly known as "pay night" will be given. On

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



## RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

Apparently Old Man Winter after giving this bum world the onicon and omega has gone back for the next few months.

For the rich we wish a white Xmas, but for ourselves we wish a green one.

The slot machines were not molested prior to election because they "are legitimate" but now they are gone and it was mostly Democrats who had them.

With Doug Fleming in town it will be necessary for the average listener to move out.

"Henry Ford will sail for Europe." Won't Ford's Ford?

Sinking vessels to get the junk from them ought to be profitable; at least it ought to get the hangman lots of business.

After the meeting of newspaper publishers of West Virginia look out—

They may decide to cut the ruff stuff which will give us more time to darn our socks and eat.

And then again they may raise the price of papers which the poor starving newspaper owners deserve.

With the change in railroad schedules comes a full change in train numbers. Get wised up. You might want to be one actor some day and you'll have to now what time the trains leave.

Wilson is going to find out who is responsible for the high prices. But at the same time he knows all about lowering the cost of living, which he did not do.

Thank God for Villa, he is giving our young soldiers training at having patience.

Time to reserve your table for New Year's if you expect to spend it in Gotham.

"Night school starts tonight." We'll miss the dear boys from the streets.

What in the devil is there that could force an increase in haircuts in Fairmont?

Two bits is too much for a hair cut as it is and soap is the same price, laundry is the same price and we know darn well they use the same clippers they had two years ago.

## FAIRVIEW.

Mrs. J. Frank Anderson, of Fairmont, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. A. Gump.

H. C. Cummins was a business visitor at Pittsburgh Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ord Gallier, of Haught's Chapel, were here shopping Saturday.

Miss Katherine Yost, of Rivesville, was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Malinda Yost, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shurtleff, of Morgantown, were week-end visitors here.

Mrs. Karl Hamilton was at Fairmont shopping Saturday.

Miss Florence Hogue, of Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, was a week-end guest at home.

J. H. Burns was a business visitor at Fairmont Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rona Boggs, of Wadestown, were visitors here Monday afternoon.

Miss Minnie Powell, Mrs. Larny McBee, Mrs. Charlotte Renicker, Miss Ruth and Rose Weaver and Miss Ida Cowan were at Fairmont shopping Saturday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Rex spent Thanksgiving holidays with her parents at Littleton.

Mrs. Josephine Yost has returned from Gilmer county where she was visiting relatives for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yost, of Fairmont, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sutton.

M. F. King, of Worthington, was the

FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

## Make This Your Christmas Store

We make this request because we believe that our store deserves it. Many of our plans were made months ago, but we believe that the best things that we have done to give you the best possible holiday season service have been done within the past few weeks. This is not an ordinary year—people have been thinking differently from what they have thought in former years, and we believe that our store most carefully expresses the true Christmas spirit of this holiday season of 1916.

The gift thought is in evidence everywhere.

The practical and useful gifts are here and displayed in a manner that will definitely help those who seek gifts for the young or old.

The children will be delighted with a visit to the store, and we want you to bring them as often as you wish.

If it takes several visits for them to decide just what they want Santa Claus to bring them, we will welcome them just the same as though a purchase were made on every visit.



## There is Pleasure and Satisfaction in buying Hosiery at this Store.

A great many people give hosiery for Christmas gifts, particularly silk hosiery. If you fear an element of uncertainty as to whether the hose will give satisfactory service to the recipient we want to make mention here that every single pair of stockings in this store—matters not at what price—can be purchased with safety, knowing full well that the recipient will get not only a splendid service from the stockings but be exceedingly well pleased to accept the gift.

Women's Cotton and Lisle Hosiery 15c to 35c.

Women's Silk Hosiery 35c to \$2.50.

Children's Hosiery 10c to 50c.



## An Exceptionally Interesting Fur Opening, Friday, December 8th.

Thousands of dollars worth of worthy furs to be displayed in our ready to wear section—second floor.

Fur Coats, Fur Muffs, Fur Sets, Fur Neck Pieces.

This even provides an unusual opportunity for the gift giver as well as the woman who would select just the furs she desires for her own use.

## E. E. Jones THE WOMAN'S STORE FAIRMONT, W. VA.

at the home of Mrs. Charles Meredith on Morgantown avenue. The day will be spent sewing for the needy. An enjoyable and profitable day is anticipated.

Here From Richmond  
Mrs. Boss and daughter, Miss Grace Hough, of Richmond, are guests of friends and relatives here.

Hope Sewing Circle  
Miss Edna Bartholow will entertain the members of the Hope Sewing Circle Friday evening at her home on Maple avenue.

PERSONALS  
Austin Stealey spent Monday in Clarksburg.

Misses Mabel Hess and Lelia Steele who have been the guests of Miss Martha Frum, returned to their home at Morgantown yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carpenter, of Pittsburgh avenue, have returned from Millford Roads, where they spent Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Bertha and Lucile Stealey arrived home last night from a week's visit with Miss Alta Price at Halleck.

Mrs. C. W. Hall and children have returned from a visit at Little Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lawson returned

## A Gift for a Man Men's Ties at 50c

Every man likes a good looking tie, and he wants a tie in the shape and shades which he likes. We've selected the kind of ties men like—good, big, full four-in-hand shapes in good wearing, non crushable silks. Choice of a wide range of colors at 50c.

Other Ties at 25c, 75c and \$1.00



## Who Ever Had Too Many Handkerchiefs

We expect to do the biggest handkerchief business we've done in years. We've made every preparation to sell hundreds and hundreds of handkerchiefs. Since handkerchiefs are regarded universally as an acceptable Christmas gift you can purchase at once with safety and you may purchase, too, for your own use.

Neat, serviceable handkerchiefs for as little as 5c. Fancy elaborate affairs 25c and 50c. Boxed handkerchiefs, 25c to \$2.50. Children's boxed handkerchiefs 10c, 15c, 25c for boxes of two and three.



## Bring the Children to Toyland

Half the pretty girls in town are busy making candy for the First M. E. church bazaar and don't forget our fine Turkey Dinner at 50c a plate Thursday evening, December 7.—Adv.

## HIS FRIEND HURT; HE HELPED HIM

INJURED MAN LAUGHED WHEN SIMPLE TREATMENT WAS SUGGESTED, BUT HE THANKED HIS COMRADE LATER

Once upon a time word came to Henry A. Voehl, of Plainfield, N. J., that a close friend had been injured, and full of anxiety he visited the afflicted man, who was suffering from a sprained ankle.

"It was so bad that the leg had turned black," said Mr. Voehl in relating the story. "I told him I would have him out in a week and he laughed at me. But I took him a bottle of Sloan's Liniment, that night he put some on and noticed the ankle felt better. I told him to use it every day, and in three days his ankle was practically well. In four days he was working. He gladly admits that Sloan's Liniment 'put him on his feet.'"

Sloan's Liniment can be obtained at all drug stores, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

## Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN

## EAST SIDE NEWS

Elected Officers  
The Modern Woodmen of America, 14627, held their annual election of officers last night. The new officers are: Trustee, R. A. Johnson; venerable consul, W. E. Devalut; worthy advisor, A. W. Adams; banker, Pay Donham; clerk, R. A. Courtney; escort, Julian Stealey; watchman, Harry Wilson; sentry, Guy Davis; chief forester, L. E. Brown. Next Monday evening the order will enjoy an oyster supper. Each member will invite a friend and an enjoyable evening is being looked forward to.

Arrived Home Yesterday  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips, nee Miss Alta Gray, arrived home yesterday from a three weeks' trip to Salem, Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind., Jeffersonville, Sumner and Peoria, Ill.

T. A. S. Club Will Sew  
The members of the T. A. S. Club will spend the entire day, Thursday,

## Something Important

The matter of accumulating funds for the time when one's earning capacity begins to wane and finally ceases should be a matter for serious consideration to everyone.

The sure and sane way to provide against that time is by saving a part of your income and depositing it in bank on interest. The Peoples National Bank offers you its facilities and safety for your funds.

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